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June 24, 2020

Mr. Michael E. Horowitz, Acting Chair  
Pandemic Response Accountability Committee  
and Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing to share the NRC's plans for using the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)<sup>1</sup> funds for coronavirus response and related activities. The CARES Act provides the NRC with \$3.3 million "to remain available until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally."

The overarching need for the supplemental appropriations under the CARES Act is to maintain the NRC staff's ability to complete the agency's work during this period of expanded telework and increase the agency's operational flexibility given the uncertainty of the pandemic. Specific examples include acquiring IT commodities to increase Internet bandwidth for dialing into agency servers, to manage software updates for ensuring data security, and to provide remote IT support to employees.

The following table reports the allocation and status of the requested funds as of June 2, 2020.

|       | Apportioned    | Obligated      | Expended     |
|-------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total | \$3,300,000.00 | \$2,128,980.68 | \$604,300.03 |

Per the recently issued guidance from the Office of Management and Budget to use existing reporting processes under the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act, the NRC will fulfill the monthly reporting responsibilities for CARES Act funding by submitting updates through the Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System.

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<sup>1</sup> Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (2020) (CARES Act).

Please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Cherish Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, at (301) 415-7322, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Svinicki', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kristine L. Svinicki